(b) Year-wise growth rates is:

Year	Growth Rate
1998-99	35.60%
1999-2000	43.08%
2000-01	53.45%

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Number of persons employed: 1998-99 220,000 1999-2000 284,000 2000-01 430,114

Change of headquarters of post offices in Bihar

1204. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:.

(a) whether the Director, Eastern Region postal network had received any representation forwarded by Members of Parliament for change of headquarters of Tetar and Airi post offices from Nawada to Gay a in September, 2001;

(b) if so, what action has since been taken in the matter; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor and by when appropriate action would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) No representation to this effect was received in Bihar Circle from Members of Parliament in September, 2001. There is no post of Director Eastern Region.

(c) As a result of creation of a new Postal Division with headquarters at Nawada subsequently, it has been found advantageous to place Tetar and Airi (Iyer) BOs in account with Gaya Head Post Office for better financing and delivery of mails. Orders in this regard have been issued on 5.3.2002.